IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 8401 OF 2006

Dhanashree Dongarsing Dhanawat ...Petitioner

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents

Shri V.Z. Kankaria for the Petitioner.

Shri R.D. Rane, Government Pleader, for the Respondents.

CORAM : H.S. BEDI, C.J., &
V.M. KANADE, J.

DATED : DECEMBER 19, 2006.

P.C. :-

1. Rule. By consent, rule is made returnable forthwith. Heard parties.

2. The grievance of the petitioner is that her caste claim is pending verification with the respondent no.2 committee and respondent no.3 has sought to cancel the admission of the petitioner on the ground that she had not submitted the caste validity certificate within seven days. The petitioner had submitted her caste certificate for verification on 27th November, 2003 which is still not decided.

3. In these peculiar facts and circumstances, the respondent no.2 committee is directed to dispose of the proceedings regarding caste verification of the petitioner as expeditiously as possible and in any event, within three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In the meanwhile, the respondent no.3 is directed to permit the petitioner to prosecute her studies till the decision of the respondent no.2 committee. It is further directed that in case, the decision of the respondent no.2 committee is adverse to the petitioner, the same shall not be given effect to for a period of three weeks from the date of communication of such order to the petitioner.

4. With these directions, Writ Petition is disposed of with no order as to costs.

CHIEF JUSTICE

V.M. KANADE, J.